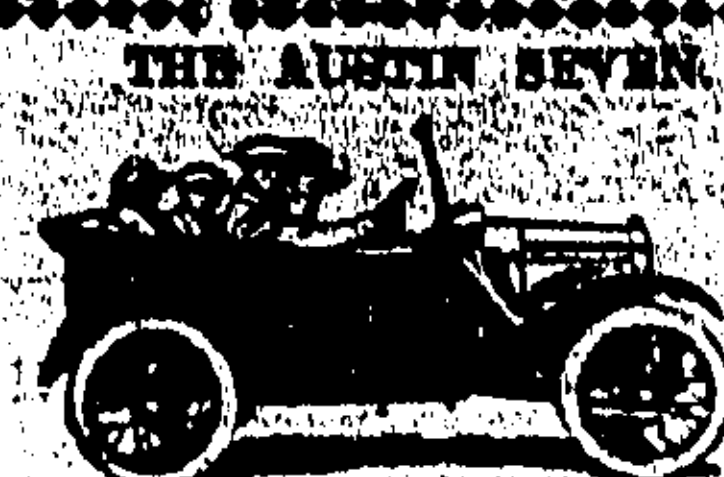


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FEARS OF A FLOOD.

HONGKONG VILLAGE'S PLIGHT.

TERROR IN THE DARK.

Will There Be Another Fatal Deluge?

A Hongkong village which was in existence before the island was ceded to Britain is suffering much distress at present on account of the danger from floods.

Wong Nei Chong village, situated at the foot of the hills beyond the far end of Happy Valley has again been flooded by the recent heavy rains. In the disastrous flood which covered the Valley the summer before last, some of the small houses in that village were badly damaged. Since then temporary measures have been taken to render the habitations fit for human occupation, but it is still felt that something drastic must be done to make the houses safe. Altogether there are over a hundred of these very old style village tenements. The six lanes in the village are not lighted at night. When it is dark the danger is increased. Before now the rain has carried down huge quantities of mud and earth into the village, filling up the lanes and blocking up the houses.

After the 1923 deluge, which cost the life of one of the inhabitants, a petition was addressed to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in which it was maintained that the village—never flooded before—was rendered dangerous because of the excavations for building operations higher up the hillside.

Since then it has been hinted that the village may be remodelled to conform with other developments the Government had planned.

The matter was also brought to

the attention of the Tung Wah Hospital (the leading Chinese institution of charity), says the "Wah Tsz Yat Po" when inquiries were made. It is also stated that the Hospital promised that unless the Government had other plans in mind, each damaged house would be granted \$60 for repairs.

Little or nothing has been done so far. Meanwhile the villagers, all of whom are the descendants of the real natives of Hongkong, are living in constant fear of another deluge, particularly at night.

KWANGSI STRIFE.

RIVAL ARMIES COME TO GRIPS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, April 6.

At long last the rival, Yunnanese armies in the province of Kwangsi (much further up the West River than Yichow) have come to grips. General Fan Shek-sang, who was previously the strong man of Canton, led his following up the West River this winter and he has joined by one or two guerilla leaders who are free-lancing in that province. Their avowed intention is to drive out Tsuchun Tang Chi-yao, the ruler of Yunnan. The latter, however, has taken time by the forelock. Rather than wait for the invaders, he has sent out an expedition to meet them. These have come to grips on the upper stretches of the river. Minor positions have been taken by General Fan and his allies who are now making an attempt on Nan-

PIRATE SCARE.

APPEALING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

LURID REPORTS.

Making Hongkong Look Foolish.

"Young men spoiling for an adventurous life" are writing to Hongkong from Europe and America offering their services for the suppression of pirates, their action being due to newspaper reports which grossly misrepresent the local position.

Under such headings as "Fighting Men Wanted to Hunt Pirates," "Adventure A Plenty," "Youths Wanted Who Would Rather Fight Than Eat For Big Pay," American newspapers are reprinting a Press agency message emanating from Hongkong from which the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and the Merchant Service officers' organisation are made to appear to have appealed for volunteers to man patrol boats which "they are establishing for the hazardous duty of cleaning out the pirates' nests in Bias Bay and other places."

As a result volunteers for service have written from America,

Canada and even Germany to the local offices of the Chamber of Commerce. It is significant to note that the reputed agency message directs those "spoiling for a fight" to write to Mr. D. K. Blair who is described in the message as the secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Blair, as is well known locally, left the Colony a twelve month ago, his place being taken by Mr. M. F. Key.

The statements made in the report are so obviously at variance with facts as they are that a mere glance is necessary for the person at all acquainted with the local position to realise their falsity.

The applicants seeking for adventure are by no means entirely of the "hot-headed youth" type. Most of them have had experience in varying capacities of what off of them terms "that little unpleasantness" from 1914-18, some being engineers, another, an employee of a candy factory, and yet another a Customs Patrol official whose work lacks the "element of risk which your's promises."

Following is the message as it appears in a San Francisco paper: Hongkong, March 7. (United Press).—Young men spoiling for an adventurous life may shortly be given an opportunity to fight Chinese pirates from motor patrol-boats.

At any rate, the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and the Merchant Service officers' organizations, exasperated at the spread of piracy in Chinese waters and the complete failure of official methods to cope with the evil, are taking steps to establish a fleet of patrol boats manned by volunteers for the hazardous duty of cleaning out the pirates' nests in Bias Bay and other places.

Every patrol boat will be armed with machine guns and equipped with a wireless. Whenever it gets a tip that a merchant vessel is mysteriously off its course, as though pirates (masquerading as passengers) had seized it and were running it into one of the innumerable coves along the coast for plunder, it will be the patrol-boat's duty to find the vessel and stick alongside until the pirates attempt to land. Then there would be a scrap, probably a rather nasty one, but it is hoped that about a year of pugnaity would be followed thereafter by peace in Chinese waters.

Such is the "minority scheme," as it is called, for coping with the evil. The "majority scheme"—signed by a majority of the members of the special commission which has been studying the problem—merely proposes an extension of the present system of putting grilles throughout the ship in which the Chinese passengers, especially those of the coolie class, can be locked up during the voyage and thus prevented from seizing the ship. Such grilles, however, have been in use now for two years with the result that the pirates merely bought themselves good clothes and booked passage as first-class passengers, whereupon it was even easier than before for them to seize the ship, kill or lock up the officers, terrorize the crew and run the vessel ashore at leisure.

But a fleet of patrol-boats, manned by white men who would rather fight than eat, will do more to discourage piracy than anything else, according to those now resolutely pushing the minority scheme.

Incidentally (concludes the report, with typical inaccuracy), the secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce is D. K. Blair and his offices are in the Chartered Bank Building, Hongkong.

MISSING.

Nawab Khan, a clerk employed at the General Post Office, reported to the police last night that his cousin, Hassan, aged 14, has been missing from his residence at 140, Belcher's Street, since Saturday morning.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY HEAVY RAINS.

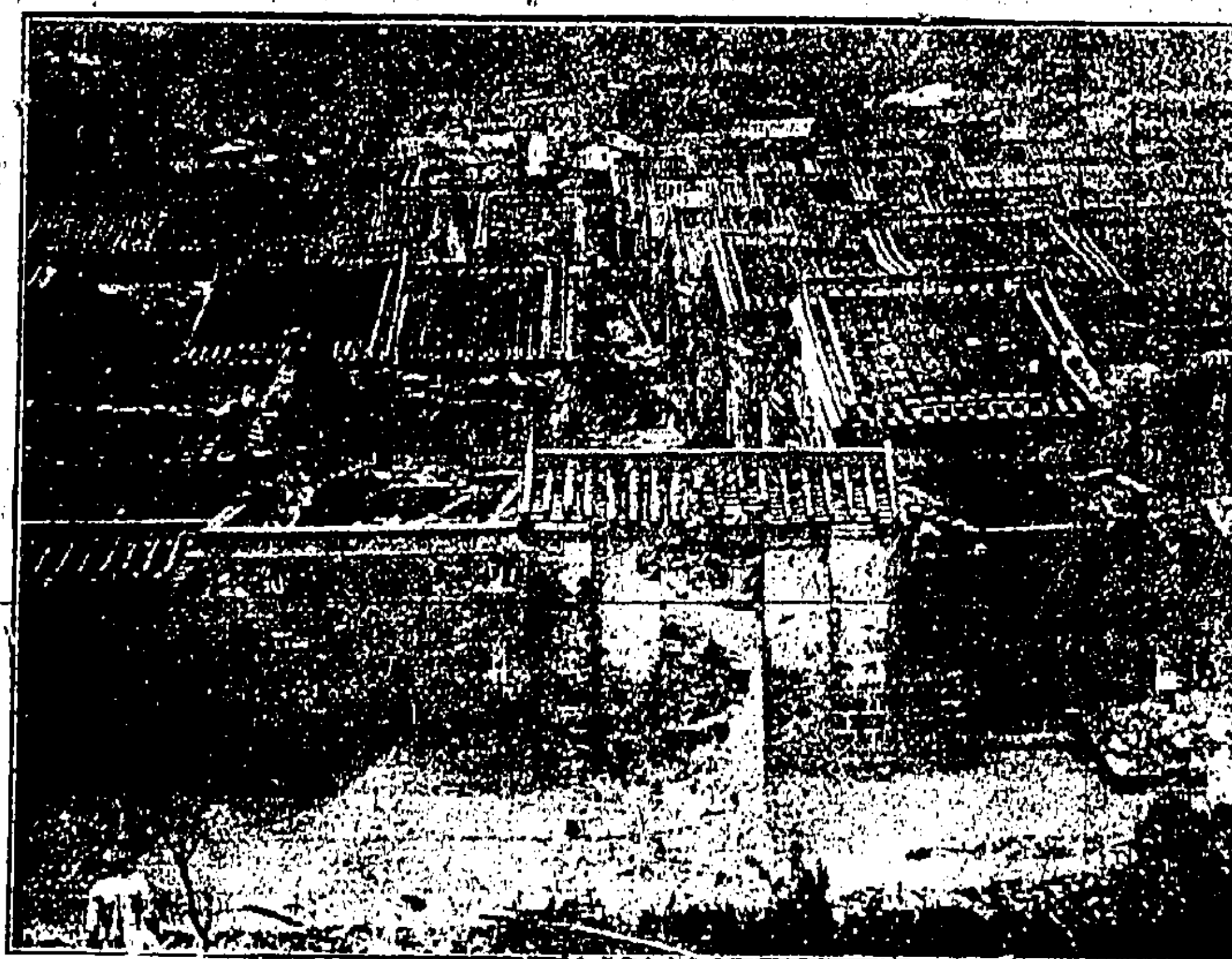


Photo by Mgo Fong.

This photograph shows Wong Nei Chong village, mentioned in the accompanying article, after the serious floods of 1923, when one of the inhabitants lost his life through being carried away by the rushing water. Unless prompt steps are taken it is feared the village may suffer the same fate again this year.

\$5,000,000 CAPITAL.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY ENTERPRISE.

HONGKONG SKRYSRAPER.

With a capital of \$5,000,000, a new life insurance and investment company is shortly to be started by Messrs. Wing On's of Hongkong and Shanghai.

It has also been announced that the Wing On Co., Ltd. of Hongkong and Shanghai has built up a building reserve from their undivided profits with which is contemplated the erection of a modern store of eight storeys in Hongkong.

From a very humble origin in Sydney, the Wing On Co.'s activities have now been extended to an extent that it possesses resources of over \$20,000,000. The Hongkong concern's capital is \$2,000,000; that of Shanghai \$2,500,000; their fire and marine insurance company, \$1,500,000; and the Wing On Textile Factory in Shanghai, \$6,000,000.

The profit for the Hongkong and Shanghai companies for last year has just been announced as approximately \$1,500,000.

HOUSE THEFTS.

BOY PAWNS STOLEN ARTICLES?

PEAK RESIDENT'S LOSSES.

A report was made to the police by Mr. A. Forsyth, of 103 The Peak, that he lost a sum of \$11 left on his dressing-table on Friday morning.

The following day a servant in the house disappeared. On examining the boy's room four pawn tickets were found which related to two watches, a blanket and an overcoat, all of which belonged to the house.

The articles were recovered from the pawnshop by the payment of \$110.

CHINA WARS.

HONAN TROOPS ATTACK SHENKIU.

MISSIONARIES IN DANGER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 6.

The China Inland Mission headquarters in Shanghai have wired to Peking, stating that Honan Government troops are attacking Shenkiu, where a Mr. Tomkinson and his wife, missionaries, are stationed. Mr. Tomkinson says their lives will be immediately forfeited by the resisting forces if the city falls. A later wire states that the C.I.M. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ford, has reached Shenkiu, but the danger is intensified. The British Legation has made representations to the Foreign Office concerning the matter and the Foreign Office has wired to the Honan Military Governor, urging him to take all possible steps for the protection of Mr. Tomkinson and other foreign lives and property in that district.

A RABID DOG?

A coolie employed at the Dairy Farm entered hospital yesterday after he had been bitten by a dog, which was secured and sent to Kennedy Town for observation. Another animal, believed to be suffering from rabies, was sent to Kennedy Town by Lance-Sergeant Russell.

Following a report made by a Chinese that he was accosted by some men at Stanton Street yesterday morning and robbed of jewellery valued at \$150, the police arrested three men and a woman. Part of the stolen property was recovered. One of the men under arrest alleged that the complainant had plotted to get him into trouble as he had had a quarrel with him.

BIG ARMS HAUL.

REVENUE OFFICER'S GOOD WORK.

FIFTY PISTOLS SEIZED.

Another large haul of illicit arms has been effected by Revenue Officers of the Imports and Exports Department, under Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke. From an incoming Continental steamer the search party took about fifty weapons, believed to be for sale to the Chinese. The haul included a number of Mauser rifles, a few shotguns, and a large quantity of ammunition. It is believed that the weapons are also of Continental origin.

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WOMEN IN SPORT

BOAT-RACING HARMFUL.
The senate refusing to sanction boat-racing by women students, the senate of the University College, North Wales at Bangor have decided the question of what sports are suitable for women without a danger of injury. The senate holds that boat-racing is likely to subject women to undue strain, although it places no prohibition on ordinary rowing.

the Women's Amateur Athletic Association, on the other hand, holds that there are only two classes which women should not take part in—the tug-of-war and rowing.

"There is, so far as we can see," says Major W. B. Marchant, founder of the Women's Athletic Association, "no reason whatever why women should not row and race, providing they are physically fit and properly trained. Dress and training are the secret of the whole matter, and if these things then women will suffer no harm in boat-racing."

The woman superintendent of the Borough Polytechnic, E. S., states that she had not found rowing useful to women and girls. On

connected with the
Amateur Rowing
declared that rowing
excellent sport and

reducing domestic labour
abolition of smoke, and the
ing of our industries to

the introduction of steam was largely responsible for growth of large towns and creation of slums. The use of electricity, it is hoped, will change them; and the new model villages

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ntry there is an Act which

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tion if necessary.

They say that the demands for electricity are increasing very rapidly and the industry is busied in meeting them and at the same time providing with fuel for a continued

for a number of years. It has developed its water power in Switzerland not only for electricity for all purposes, but also has electrified large sections of its railways. Gen-

was making tremendous progress in utilising lignite, and assistance would soon be in a position to export a considerable quantity of coal.

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with that produced by
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mees."

After L. Johnson, Pre-
sident of the National Electric
association, in an inter-
published in the "West-
Gazette" concerning the
of America on this
says:—

es speak for themselves.

me of the electric light
industry in America
\$200,000,000 yearly.
In 1924 the output was
10,000 kilowatt hours; 37
of which was developed
electrically and 63 per
cent fuel-burning stations.
In 1930, 1,900,000 new
plants were added, bringing
the total up to 16,377,000—
10 being domestic,
5,000 commercial, and more
than 5,000 industrial users.
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as the body of indus-
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BUSINESS BY MACHINERY.

It is frequently urged against
the older Universities that they
do not move with the times, and,
whilst still affording the best prepa-
ration for a professional or a
political career, neglect the vast
field of commerce. As long ago
as 1895, the University of London
set out to remove the reproach by
forming the London School of
Economics and Political Science,

which has now grown to be a
great institution occupying an im-
mense building near Aldwych,
(the new business centre), and
attracts students from all over
the world. Lectures and classes
are open not only to members of
the University, but to those who
have not matriculated and do not
wish to pursue a full University
course—in particular, to those
engaged in banking, accounting,
railway and other transport, com-
merce, and industry, to civil ser-
vants and municipal officials, to
teachers, and to those engaged in,
or qualifying for, social work.

The latest enterprise at the
School stands to the credit of
Professor L. R. Dicksee, Professor
of Business Organisation, who has
installed a model office containing
the latest mechanical devices.
Most of us are familiar only with
the typewriter—and that at
secondhand—but here are to be
found most ingenious machines
for ensuring accuracy and saving
labour. A visitor's entry is
signalled on a time-recording clock
and a demonstrator explains the

working of the dictaphone, which
enables a busy man to dictate a
letter without summoning his
secretary; of everlasting stencils,
which will stand any amount of
hard wear and even after that
may be filed for further use; of
electric duplicators, and adding
and calculating machines which
cannot err; of electric addresso-
graphs and machines which
enable an office to do all note
headings, leaflets and other work,
without the aid of a printer.
Most wonderful of all are the
book-keeping machines and the
mechanical accountants. In
accountancy, the particulars are
first punched on a card, which is
checked on another machine, put
through a sorting machine, till
finally a fourth machine returns a
full analysis of the particulars
required.

A great London Insurance Com-
pany has installed 130 sets of
these machines, which cannot be
purchased but are rented out and
are maintained by the makers, as
was formerly the case with the
linotype printing machine. The
model office is primarily intended
for the instruction of students,
but business men are invited in
order that they may see the
astonishing progress made in
office labour-saving devices.

St. George's Society.

Societies—like nether gar-
ments before the introduction of
suspenders—are difficult to keep
up. There are exceptions even in
a place like Hongkong where in a
notoriously hot climate—en-
thusiasts soon get lukewarm
and even cold—where trans-
fers and holidays have been
known sadly to affect organiza-
tions. But an exception is un-
doubtedly the St. George's
Society which numbers hundreds
amongst its members and finds
no difficulty in getting the right
type of "St. George" men to
direct its affairs. The difficulty
in maintaining the traditions
attached to either the real or
legendary Saint, is apparent.
Nowadays no forlorn maiden
waits to be delivered from the
fangs of an approaching dragon.
But chivalry and succor are ever-
present virtues. The English-
man by membership of such a
society as that of St. George's
indicates his belief in them and
his implied desire to further the
characteristics which are part
and parcel of the word English.
And being distant from the soil
which bore him it is all the
good that there should be a
Society to remind him of the
place about which Shakespeare,
Rupert Brooke, and many others
have sung so gloriously.

France's Plight.

France has consistently refused
to pay her war debts. The main
reason seems very clear. She
would not pay because she could
not. And not even a Socialist
Government has been able to
blend idealism with a practical
policy, and bring a battered
barque into a safe port for
repairs. The present Premier
turns on his assailants with the
statement that when he took
office France's liabilities were 278
milliards of francs. Terrible. But
more terrible when the fact is
considered that this sum does not
include the hated foreign war
debts. If a capital levy is to be
the chief plank in the Govern-
ment's policy of rehabilitation, it
must be conceived that there is
sufficient wealth in France to
admit of the finances of the
country being placed on a reason-
ably sound basis. The idea of a
capital levy is not new. It was
suggested, but never introduced,
in Britain, and some of its
sponsors at the end bogged when
it came to practical issues. That
may happen in France. For
capital is not necessarily merely
liquid cash in banks and money
boxes, or stockings placed in
chimney pieces: it is often that,
but it is something more: it is
bricks and mortar; ships, rail-
ways, stocks and shares, and the
numberless things that go to
make finance and commerce the
simple yet complex things they
are. Levy on these and the
seriousness of the matter is ap-
parent. France is in a bad way
and another Dawes plan may yet
have to be adopted. It is evident
that France did not win the war!

Registry Romance.

Something unusual in Registry
office marriages was that which
took place at the Hongkong
Registry in January when Miss
Mary Ho Tung and Mr. Wong
Sik-lam attended with their
friends in correct fashionable
wedding attire. On that occasion
it was as if a breath of romance
had been allowed to creep into
the cold formality of the pro-
ceedings, but this would apply
with even more force to the
simple ceremony which took
place in the same office this
week-end when a young couple
would appear to have travelled
thousands of miles for the express
purpose of getting married in
Hongkong, and had, in conse-
quence, to get a special dispensa-
tion in regard to the posting of
the usual notice because their boat
was to sail before the necessary
period would elapse. Whether the
bride and bridegroom confided to
Mr. D. W. Bradman, acting Secre-
tary for Chinese Affairs, their
reasons for adopting what on the
surface would appear a very
strange method of procedure it is
not permitted the public to know,
as the officials, justifiably in this
case for all that is known to the
contrary, are inclined to be
reticent on matters involving the
personal feelings of others. What
actually happens at this very
brief form of marriage is that the
Secretary for Chinese Affairs
addresses the parties and em-
phasises that the signing of the
register is binding even
though no other rite of a civil or
religious nature shall take place.
Declarations are made and a
duplicate certificate is signed. A
handshake from the acting Regis-
trar completes the proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG EDUCATION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I agree with "Odd" and
"Reformer." The Board of Educa-
tion cannot justify its own existence
so why continue to waste valuable
time by holding a meeting at least
once every month. If the Board
would only tell us what it was
originally formed for and how far it
has succeeded, I, for one, would
certainly shut up, but till then—
Yours etc.,
C. W. S.

Hongkong, April 6.

Fines of \$5 each were imposed
on seven small craft licences at the
Harbour Office this morning
for lying inshore during prohibited
hours at night.

During the voyage to Hong-
kong of the s.s. Hosang from
Calcutta and Singapore, a female
passenger died from heart disease
while at sea. At Singapore a male
passenger died from consumption
and was buried there. The Presi-
dent Jackson from Seattle, via ports,
notifies the death of a Chinese
stevedore passenger. On arrival
here the s.s. Shantung reported
having passed a waterlogged
sinking junk, anchored and break-
ing up.

BIG SHIP DEAL.

DOLLAR COMPANY'S
PURCHASE.

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS.

Issue to be Taken to the
President?

Interest in at least two con-
tinents is being focussed on the
U.S. Shipping Board's award of
the five Pacific Mail "President"
(635) ships to the Robert Dollar
Co.

Anglo-London-Paris National
Bank of San Francisco.

An earlier message was as
follows:—

Officials of the Pacific Mail
Steamship Company expressed
the opinion to-day that if the
Dollar interests get the trans-
Pacific liners the Pacific Mail will
go out of the business.

"One official said that 'after
more than seventy-five years of
service we expect to ring down
the curtain.'

"He indicated, however, that
there was no intention of giving
up the vessels without a fight."

ONE OF THE SHIPS IN THE SCALE.



Photo courtesy Pacific Mail.

Here is one of the "635 foot" vessels which figure in the deal.

Seen to-day, Mr. J. Oran
Sheppard, (Hongkong general
agent of the Pacific Mail Co.) said
that he had been informed that
on April 3 the company had in-
stituted injunction proceedings
against the Shipping Board and
that the Federal Judge of the
Supreme Court had granted a
restraining order returnable on
April 13. Mr. Sheppard had also
been advised that confidence was
being given by the company that the
Shipping Board's decision would
not be upheld but that, of course,
was problematical.

A "China Press" radio message
of April 2 read:—

"San Francisco, April 2.—
The Pacific Mail ships which
have been sold to the Dollar
Company will be financed and
managed by purely California
and Pacific Coast interests,
according to an announcement
to-day by Mr. Herbert
Fleishacker, President of the

Mr. B. C. Haile, manager of the
Pacific Mail S. S. Co. in Shanghai,
told the "China Press" that the
issue might finally reach the Presi-
dent of the U.S.A.

Mr. Haile also mentioned that
the Pacific Mail Co.'s bid of
U.S.G. \$6,750,000 on a deferred
payment basis, overshadowed the
Dollar bid of \$5,625,000 even
when interest is taken into con-
sideration. "The Pacific Mail is
the most stable steamship com-
pany operating in the Orient. It
is the oldest established line run-
ning to the East and is yearly
turning more back to the United
States Government than any
other company. In addition to
this, we offered to guarantee to
the Government a five-year ser-
vice, should we get the vessels.
If these vessels are taken from us,
we have nothing to compete with
other steamship companies in
Oriental trade. Above all we
must keep up a suitable tonnage."

HON. MR. WOLFE.

GOING HOME ON LEAVE.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

The impending departure on leave
of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,
Captain Superintendent of Police,
was marked by a farewell demon-
stration by the Wei-hai-wei con-
tingent of the Hongkong Police
Force on the Central Police Station
compound this forenoon.

The departing chief was presented
with a handsome silk scroll worked
in gold characters on a red ground.
The translation of the characters
read "Virtue Impresses All."
Accompanying the scroll were a
silver figure representing the god of
longevity and two silver vases form-
ing a complete set.

There were about 150 men of the
ranks present under the command of
Inspector Booker and other Chinese
officers.

After the inspection by the
Captain Superintendent of Police
and a drill display, the ranks formed
a square. Addressing the con-
tingent, through the medium of an
interpreter, Mr. Wolfe com-
plimented the men on their smart
turnout and expressed his grati-
fication at the valuable services they
had rendered the Government. He
said that he was quite satisfied with
the Northern contingent; they had
performed their duties conscientiously
and well, and he had no doubt
that they would become a permanent
institution. He had done his best
for the men by granting them all
privileges in leave pay and in other
directions as far as lay in his power.

Continuing, Mr. Wolfe said that
he desired to publicly thank Inspec-
tor Booker for going to Wei-hai-wei
and training half the contingent.
He also thanked Sergeants Dick,
Fraser, Dickson, and Jessop for
their good work. Tributes were
also paid to the Chinese,
Inspector Chung Yen-yu, Sergeant,
Major Pi Lung-en and Crown
Sergeant Chi Wan-ping for their
good work in assisting in the
training. He felt sure that under
such able officers the reputation
acquired by the contingent would
be maintained.

The presentation of the scroll and
the silver ornaments was made by
the Chinese Inspector after the
address. Mr. Wolfe again expressed
his thanks to all the men of the
ranks for the present and their
demonstrations of loyalty, which
he said he appreciated very much.

Brussels, April 6.—The out-
standing feature of the elections
hitherto is the Socialist gains all
over the country. The Catholics
also advanced. The Liberals are
apparently the principal sufferers
in both cases. Definite results are
not yet available.—Reuter.

JUDGE'S PRAISE.

CHARITABLE IMPULSE
COMMENDED.

A \$26,000 AWARD.

The woman plaintiff in the
"\$85,000 Case Echo" was com-
mended by the Chief Justice, Sir
Henry Gower Gollan, in the
Supreme Court this morning after
Mr. Eldon Potter K.C., had indicat-
ed that a settlement had been
arrived at.

The defendant in the case is a
Chinese young man who as a
result of proceedings brought in
the same Court some years pre-
viously benefited to the extent of
\$85,000 as the sole heir of Ho Wo-
lung, who died intestate in 1907.
For the purpose of fighting the
original case for this youth his
guardian, the concubine of the
deceased Ho Wo-lung, borrowed
large sums of money. It was in
respect of this present claim
was made, the plaintiff being the
woman claiming to be the person
from whom the guardian had
borrowed money.

In entering judgment on the
basis of the terms of settlement
agreed upon His Lordship said he
desired to express great pleasure
at a settlement being effected as
the case would have been a very
painful one for him to have ad-
judicated upon. So far as the
plaintiff was concerned she could
in his opinion look back on what
she had done with great personal
satisfaction and be very proud of
the charitable impulses which
actuated her assistance to the
defendant when an infant.

Under the terms of settlement
the plaintiff is to be paid \$26,000
of the \$31,593 she claimed, this to
include two claims in respect of
Original Jurisdiction actions, and
all other claims, if there be any,
against the estate. Each side is to
pay its own costs.

Mr. Potter appeared with Mr.
F. C. Jenkin for the plaintiff, both
being instructed by Messrs. John-
son, Stokes and Master.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster,
K.C., (instructed by Messrs. Lo
and Lo) appeared for the de-
fendant.

Peking, April 6.—It is stated that
the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at
Tokyo recently reported that the
Cultural Board in Tokyo, which is
at present under the Asiatic Bureau
of the Japanese Foreign Office,
would in future be controlled by
civilian leaders instead of by officials,
and that the money would be
devoted to cultural purposes in
China. The Japanese Legation
has sent a Note to the Washington
saying that this report is untrue,
and asking that the report should
not be passed on, creating misun-
derstanding. Country of the "Daily
Bulletin."

PRINCE IN THE TROPICS.

VISITING THE "WHITE MAN'S GRAVE."

SIERRA LEONE'S WELCOME.

Colony That Began As Escaped Slaves' Refuge.

The Prince of Wales is now visiting Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone, which was once known as "the white man's grave."

BOOM OF GUNS.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Freetown, April 6.

H.M.S. Repulse has arrived at Sierra Leone in glorious weather. The Prince of Wales had a most enthusiastic reception on landing, with the Governor.

many African colonies during the war. The coast lands are unhealthy and have earned for Sierra Leone the unenviable reputation of being "the white man's grave." The mean annual temperature is above 80 deg., the rainfall, which varies a great deal, is from 150 to 180 or more inches per annum. In 1893 no fewer than 203 inches were recorded. In 1894, a "dry"

WHAT HE IS DOING NOW?



PRINCE OF WALES

This unusual snapshot of His Royal Highness in a ship's swimming bath was taken during one of his earlier trips through the tropics. Now that he is again in the tropics it is to be supposed that he is enjoying himself in the same way.

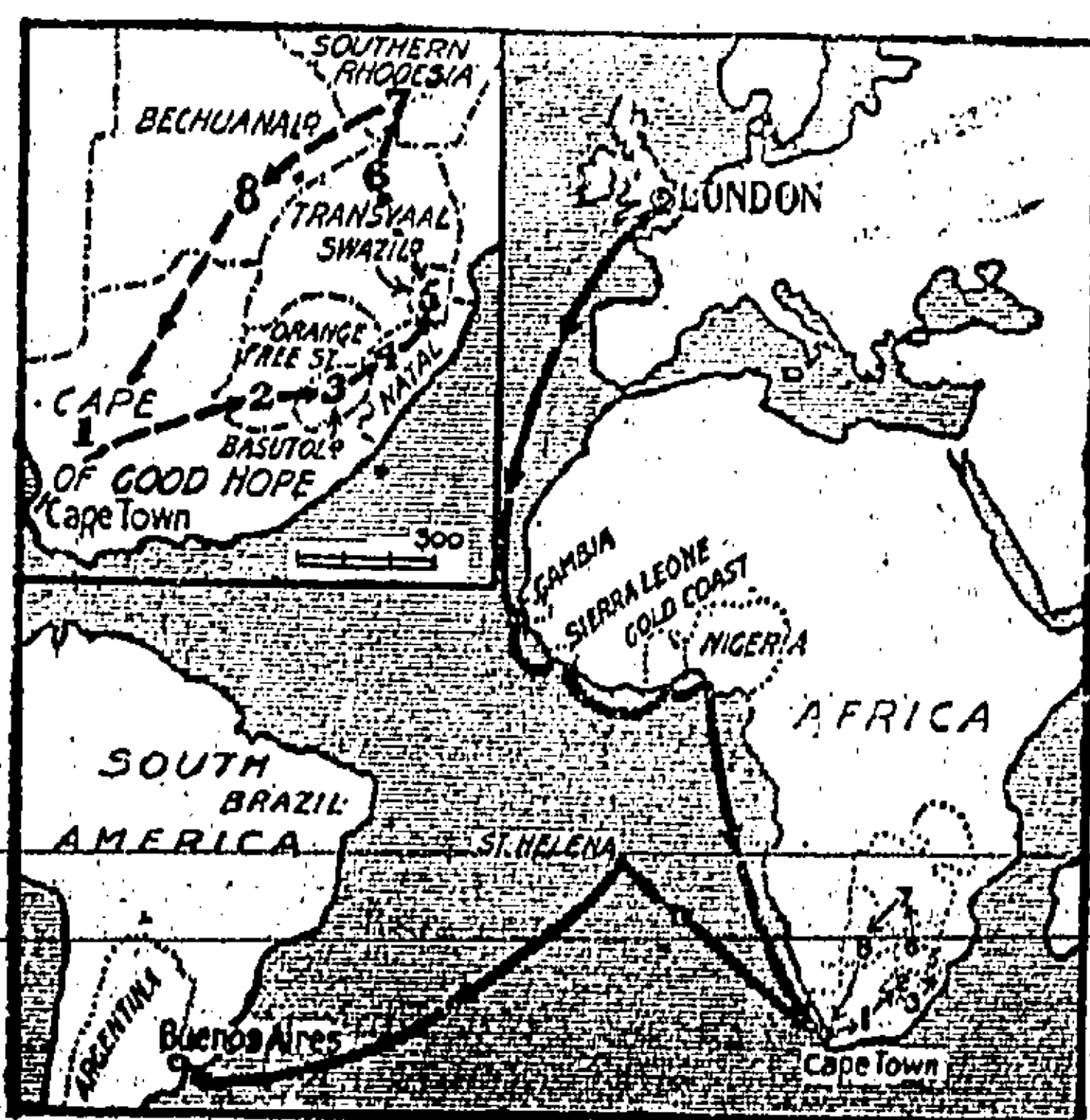
Crowds of spectators cheered tremendously as the guns of the battery boomed.

Sierra Leone is the British Colony between Liberia and French Guinea. The Colony has a coast line of 180 miles. The land is low and swampy near the shore, but rises in the north part to over 4,000 feet in Mount Daro. The rainfall at Freetown is 138 inches, but it is less in the interior. The Colony is administered by a governor with nominated and executive councils. The governor is also in charge of the protectorate, which is divided into five districts, each under a European commissioner. Sierra Leone was permanently settled by the British in 1791, being a settlement for escaped slaves. From a company it became a crown colony in 1807. The protectorate was established in 1896. Native troops shared in the conquest of Ger-

year, only 144 inches of rain fell. In no other part of West Africa is the rainfall so heavy. The rains begin in April or May each year, so it is just possible that the Prince will have excellent weather for his entire visit.

Sierra Leone is inhabited by various negro tribes. Freetown is peopled by the descendants of nearly every negro tribe, and a district type known as the Sierra Leonei has been evolved. Their language is pidgin English. Since 1900 a considerable number of Syrians have settled in the country as traders. Most of the negroes are pagans and each tribe has its secret societies and fetiches. They are very powerful and are employed often for benevolent purposes, such as the regulation of agriculture and the palm-oil industry. The majority of the Sierra Leonei are nominally Christian. The European community numbers over five hundred.

WHERE THE PRINCE IS NOW.



Our map shows Sierra Leone where the Prince is now visiting Freetown.

FRANCE'S CRISIS.

FINANCE MINISTER'S PROPOSALS.

RAISING THE WIND.

A CAPITAL LEVY THE LAST RESORT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Paris, April 6.

M. Demonzie submitted to the Cabinet the Bills with which he proposes to improve the financial situation and the state of the Treasury.

The first Bill authorises the Banque of France to issue four milliards of new bank notes.

This increase to forty-five milliards of the limit fixed for the issue of bank notes, which is at present forty-one milliards, will be met by an exceptional voluntary contribution from capital the amount of which is fixed in principle at ten per cent.

This contribution will be productive of interest at four per cent, and all Treasury bills will be accepted in payment at the current market rate with a slight bonus.

The product of the exceptional contribution will be applied to the redemption of debt.

M. Demonzie will only contemplate a levy on capital as a last resort. In the event of the foregoing proposals not being accepted, M. Demonzie has asked for a debate in the Chamber of Deputies thereon to-morrow, when their adoption will be made a question of confidence in the Government.

AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE.

Paris, April 6.

After a two and a half hours' meeting, the Cabinet decided to consider M. Demonzie's proposals at another meeting to-morrow under the presidency of M. Doumergue, President of the Republic.

Several Ministers at the conclusion of this evening's meeting stated that they agreed in principle with M. Demonzie's proposals. Only a few details remained to be settled.

CHEERS AND JEERS.

Paris, April 6.

The Cabinet discussed M. Demonzie's proposals for two hours this morning and adjourned till six in the evening.

The Cabinet meets again to-morrow morning.

This delay in reaching a decision is attributed to M. Herriot's desire to confer with the Socialist leaders as to the idea of a voluntary capital contribution as opposed to the Socialist idea of a compulsory levy.

M. Millerand has joined the Poincarist Senatorial group known as the Republican Union.

Acknowledging the Chairman's welcome he said that their task was to restore national concord. M. Millerand taking his seat in the Senate received cheers from the centre and jeers and shouts of "Renegade!" from the Left.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, April 6.

Ministerial deliberations over the week-end have assisted in the crystallisation of new financial measures, which will probably be tabled in the Chamber to-morrow. The "Matin" gives the gist of Demonzie's proposals, indicating a compulsory loan substituted for capital levy. The public will be appealed to make a voluntary return of individual fortunes but in the event of the failure of the voluntary plan the Government will take steps to enforce accurate returns. It is stated that the loan will bear interest at four per cent.

SLAP IN THE FACE.

Paris, April 6.

M. Millerand's decisive return to the Senate at the first ballot, in the teeth of the greatest opposition of the Government coalition, is a significant political event.

"Ere Nouvelle," the Government organ, has declared that this may not presage a catastrophe for the Government, but it is undoubtedly a slap in the face. On the contrary the Opposition newspapers hail the event as a final collapse. M. Herriot and M. Millerand when interviewed stated they intended to act and not to talk.

M. Millerand intimates that he will join the Republican Union group in the Senate, of which M. Poincare is also a member.

Paris, April 6.—With reference to the report that the Franco-Chinese agreement with regard to the French share of the Boxer Indemnity is to be signed on April 14 at the Quai d'Orsay—it is stated that negotiations began last Autumn. In Peking have taken a most favourable turn, which may well lead to a conclusion of the agreement before the end of the month. But any announcement of signatures on a definite date is premature and in any event the signing of the agreement will undoubtedly occur in Peking and not in Paris.—*Reuter.*

UNKNOWN NORTH.

ARCTIC CONTINENT SEARCH.

AIRCRAFT TO ASSIST.

Exploring the Only "Blind Spot" Left.

The lure of the Great North is still as strong as ever, and an expedition is soon to start to find the supposed Arctic continent.

PRIVATE VENTURE.

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

Washington, April 6.

President Coolidge has approved the proposal of the Arctic explorer, Donald McMillan for exploration with the assistance of Government aircraft of the North Pole in the hope of finding

The McMillan expedition is to be a private one and is to start about June 15.

Donald Baxter McMillan was born at Provincetown, Massachusetts, in 1874 and was educated at Harvard. His polar expedition was with Peary in 1908 under the auspices of the Arctic Club. Two years later he joined the Cabot

THE MAN WHO WILL HEAD THE SEARCH.



Donald Baxter McMillan, the famous explorer, who is to lead the coming expedition into the last "blind spot" on the map in the North.

the Arctic continent long believed to exist thereabouts.

It is said to be the only remaining "blind spot" on the map in the north comprising about a million square miles of unexplored territory.

Labrador party to undertake ethnological work among the Esquimaux of Labrador. He next became leader of the Crocker Land Expedition, which kept him employed until 1917 when he accepted the post of Professor of Anthropology at Bowden College. A year later, however, he took up aviation in the United States Naval Reserve. When the war was over he took an expedition to Baffin Land and remained there for two years. Commander McMillan has written several books, including "Four Years in the White North," and has contributed largely to the magazines. He is a fellow of the American Geographical Society and a member of the Royal Geographical Society (London).

NINE TO BE TRIED.

BAWLA MURDER CASE VERDICT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Bombay, April 6.

All the nine accused in the Bawla murder case have been committed for trial at the next sessions.

[The Mahabar Hill outrage occurred early in January when Abdul Kadir Baula, a rich Mahomedan merchant and a member of the Bombay Corporation, was murdered in his motor-car, and Mumtaz Mustapha Begum, a girl with him, was disfigured with knives. The Bombay police hold the opinion the crime was the result of an attempt to abduct the girl. Baula, who had been protecting the girl for the last four months, had been repeatedly warned from hostile and friendly sources that his life was in danger, but he continued to keep the girl and disregarded the warnings. The girl was formerly attached to the palace of the Maharajah of Indore. Some time ago she escaped from Indore and made her way to Amritsar, where, it is alleged, numerous attempts were made to make her return to Indore.]

TRADE HOPES.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S OPTIMISM.

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

Washington, April 5.

President Coolidge, addressing the National Cotton Manufacturers' Association, predicted an increase in business activity. He said that he found in the present and future industrial situation justification for the American tariff policy. He promised the full assistance of the Government in fighting boll-weevil, and endorsed the proposal for co-operation among the cotton producing States.

COLOUR PROBLEM.

SOUTH AFRICA'S DIFFICULTY.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Cape Town, April 6.

At the resumption of the Mines Works Bill debate in the Assembly, the Premier, Mr. Hertzog, expressed his appreciation of General Smuts' attitude.

He said that the time had not yet arrived to abolish differentiation between white and coloured, but they must be careful to see they gave no offence.

The Premier suggested that the question might be considered in a select committee granting certificates to persons in charge of dangerous work.

Sir Thomas Smartt, former Minister of Agriculture, dwelling on the effects of the Bill on Asiatic races, declared Japan, as one of the five great Powers of the world, could not possibly allow an indignity of the sort contemplated by the Bill to pass. [Speaking in the Legislative Assembly at the second reading of the Bill to amend the Mines and Works Act, which restricts employment to natives and Asiatics in mines and factories, the former Premier, General Smuts, urged the Government to avoid casting a stigma on Asiatics in legislation, by coupling them with natives. "We shall gather on our heads the hatred of the whole of Asia from North to South." Every Asiatic country, he said, was branded by the Bill and they would feel the weight of their hatred for years to come. The debate was adjourned.]

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The silk shipped per s.s. President Jefferson, which sailed from Hongkong at 5 p.m. on March 10, arrived at New York at 5 p.m. on the 2nd inst., having been 23 calendar days in transit.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on April 3, shows 1 case each of diphtheria, enteric fever, and cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese. The return for the 48 hours ended on April 5, shows 3 Chinese cases of small pox.

Shanghai is wondering if there will be a dog show again this spring. It is understood that those responsible for the last two shows intend making yet a third attempt and with luck they should yet manage to bring off one that will be a success in every way, if they are given the requisite amount of co-operation.

Through the courtesy of Admiral Yamamoto and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce 600 members and friends of the Shanghai Chinese Y. M. C. A. had an opportunity to enjoy a concert given by the band of the Imperial Japanese Navy. The band, under the efficient direction of Mr. Maeda, is composed of 29 well trained musicians. Mr. Maeda was a member of the Japanese band that played at the coronation of King George. The programme was composed of music Occidental and Oriental. It was the first time that a brass band has played Chinese music and these numbers were very much appreciated by the audience. They were Northern tunes. The numbers were as follows:—

- 1.—March—Finest of the Fair
- 2.—Overture—Gigany in Aulis
- 3.—Chinese Music—Man Pau
- 4.—Polka—Violet
- 5.—Japanese Music—Yechigajishi
- 6.—Chinese Music—Ping Pong
- 7.—Kisume
- 8.—Chinese Music—Mureky
- 9.—Selection—Faust
- 10.—Finale—From Opera
- 11.—Chinese National Anthem

The Government order prohibiting the sale to foreigners of shares in German shipping companies engaged in overseas services has been abolished.

A concert in aid of the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society is to be held in the Union Church Hall this evening. An attractive programme has been arranged.

"The Vision of the Spirit" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, April 8th, at 5.45 p.m. The public are invited.

A bill has been introduced in the Holland Parliament with the object of gradually abolishing the state lottery. This was prompted by idealistic motives, as the lottery adds 600,000 florins yearly to the Treasury, or about £48,000. In 1905 the Conservative Government forbade any lottery in Holland, save those for charitable purposes, while Article 9 of the act organized the latter lotteries under the auspices of the State.

The recent performances of "The Gondoliers" makes the following doubly interesting:—The news that Venice was going to lose her picturesque gondolas seems now to have sunk into oblivion. There is, however, another attempt to solve the traffic problem of the Adriatic town by making an underground railway running in part under the Grand Canal and proceeding to the Lido, which in summer is perhaps the most crowded centre in Italy. The cost of this enterprise is estimated at a little over 100,000,000 lire. Venice, like Rome, will probably wait a long time before seeing her subway, but assurance is given that the aspect of the city will not suffer in any way by the tube railway. Another city whose commercial greatness calls for an underground railway is Milan, but there things move with more liveliness and work on this railway will shortly be started.

The eleventh annual dinner of the Hongkong University Medical Society will be held in the Hongkong Hotel at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st April. As this is the only annual dinner in which all members of the medical profession in Hongkong are expected to participate, the Committee is "concerned" to make it a representative one. The charge for one ticket is \$6. Those who wish to join can communicate with the Hon. Secretary before Saturday, 18 April.

Endeavouring to attract foreign visitors to Germany, promoters of travel have asked the German railroad administration to equip coaches with electric lights and also to increase the speed of passenger trains. The elimination or reduction of the 10 per cent tax upon foreigners, as well as betterment of passport facilities, also have been recommended.

Toronto received large dividends during 1924 on the money it spent in bringing conventions to the city and entertaining them while here. The money spent in this way was \$10,000. According to the annual report of the Toronto Tourist Bureau 107 conventions were held here, attended by 16,385 people, who stayed an average of 3 days in the city and spent approximately \$1,391,560. This means a return of \$70 for every dollar spent on these conventions.

"Penny" gospels in English have been issued, it appears, in large quantities for more than a year, and now Italian-speaking people throughout the United States are to become the beneficiaries of a similar privilege. These folks can now obtain the Gospel of St. John in their own tongue for one cent. The little book is 3x4 1/2 inches in size, has a heavy paper cover, and is printed in good clear type. It is in the Diodati version which, although prepared over 300 years ago, is still considered the most accurate translation of the Bible into the Italian language.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. S. Gubbay arrived in the Colony by the President Jackson yesterday.

Sergeant Gordon of the Hongkong Police Force has been appointed acting Assistant Station Officer, temporarily, at the Central Fire Station, vice Mr. F. Moss, who proceeded on home leave by the s.s. Mantua on Sunday.

Lady Aglen, wife of Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, is seriously ill at the Victoria Nursing Home in Shanghai. Lady Aglen arrived in Shanghai by boat from Nanking and expects to depart for Great Britain. She is accompanied by Sir Francis and their youngest child. In England they will join their other children who are in school.

Miss Aida Kawakami, the well-known Japanese dancer, has left Shanghai for a trip to include Tokio and Kobe. She will make her debut, as an exponent of classical and modern dances, before the Japanese public at the Imperial Hotel in Tokio on April 3. Miss Kawakami has the distinction of being the only Japanese to dance in the Far East. Miss Kawakami has taken with her three very talented Russian dancers with whom she will appear.

At the last meeting of the Dramatic Section of the B. W. A. at Headquarters, Shanghai, the programme was arranged by Mrs. Peyton-Griffin formerly of Hongkong. The following items were given:—songs by Mrs. B. G. Tait, song "Brahma," Mrs. J. E. Feely, song "Over Hill Over Dale," Mrs. F. Jones, duet selection from "Don Juan," Mrs. F. Jones and Professor Selivanoff, sketch "A Fair Encounter," to be played by Mesdames Peyton-Griffin and Michael.

Miss Cook who has made a pronounced hit with her charming costumes at Shanghai entertainments has this to say about dress in general: "It's a joy to shed the cumbersome street or morning costumes and slip into the light costume I use for my work. I believe that the real way for people to dress would be to emulate the ancient Grecian garb, loose, tunis and light sandals. Of course, there might be some little flurry if a few of us started to walk along some of the principal streets of Shanghai garbed in this mode. But why more so than if one were dressed in a knee-length walking suit now adopted?"

The death, has occurred at Ahweiler on March 31, of Arthur Clair Stephen, the only surviving son of the late Mr. A. G. Stephen and Mrs. Stephen. The elder son was killed in the war in 1918.

The Rev. Eustace Strong, has resigned the Chaplaincy of Christ Church. Mr. Strong has been Chaplain of Christ Church for the past six years, and his work at the time of the earthquake, in which he displayed the utmost heroism and self-sacrifice, will be remembered. Mr. Strong will be succeeded by the Rev. Cecil Hodges, recently a member of the Korean Mission and Principal of the Diocesan Training College of the Episcopal Church.

The Paris Academy of Sports for sports too have their academy is about to award its annual prize and Pelletier Doisy is indicated as the recipient. The prize is given for an exploit accomplished in France or by a Frenchman abroad which, while sporting in character, yet contributes to social and moral progress. Doisy's performance, in his flight from Paris to Tokyo is believed to correspond to these conditions. It will be remembered that Doisy passed through Hongkong on his way home, and met the English fliers.

There was an interesting ceremony at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, when Mr. Herbert John Morse, of the Standard Oil Company, who has served the company for 33 years, 16 in China and latterly as manager of the Amoy branch was presented with a platinum watch and chain at a tiffin given in his honour by the local staff of the Socony organisation. The presentation was made by Mr. D. H. Cameron, the General Manager of the Hongkong branch, who commented on the excellent work and consistent geniality of their guest. He voiced the good wishes of all Mr. Morse's friends for a long, happy and healthy retirement. In reply, Mr. Morse said that in spite of the attractions of retirement he would look always to the years he had spent in China as the happiest of his career. He thanked all present for the splendid gift, which, he said, would be an unfailing reminder of them and of the happy days he had worked with them, always smoothly and with co-operation at its highest. Mr. and Mrs. Morse are leaving today by the Hugo Stinnes liner Albert Voegler for Naples, from which point they will proceed on a projected tour through Europe, and will finally settle in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis H. Hazell sailed for Singapore by the s.s. Antenor this morning. They will be away from Hongkong about six months.

Mrs. C. A. Clear and Miss Barbara, prominent members of the British colony at Manila, are sailing on the Empress of Russia to make connections for Europe.

Representatives of the Church, the Law, and the State sat at the President's table at a recent luncheon of the Portsmouth and Southsea Rotary Club, when the Rev. C. E. Spencer, formerly Sub-Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, was entertained.

Why is the Order of Merit still withheld from Mr. Rudyard Kipling? asks a writer. The latest O.M. to die is Sir Archibald Geikie, the geologist, and there are now several vacancies. I know of only one man who declined this coveted decoration—the late Sir W. Robertson Nicoll. He thought it ought to be given to his friend Barris instead, and he ventured to say so.

King Feisal of Irak is trying to teach his subjects to practise self-denial, and in order to cut state expenses, has offered to forgo half the monthly allowance to which he is entitled under the civil list. He has taken this step on learning the true condition of the Irak treasury, which suffers from a serious deficit.

Says the Manila Bulletin of March 27:—H. M. S. Marazion arrived in Manila yesterday with several well known British officers aboard. The presence of this portion of the fleet will occasion several social affairs to-night. Several men-of-war and a number of British submarines arriving here during April will cause many society functions reaching a climax, probably, when the Admiral's yacht, the Petersfield, is in port.

"Oh, yes, this is my second home," said the Prince of Wales jocularly the other day, when a resident of Melton Mowbray told him how pleased the townspeople were that he had chosen their countryside for his own. The Prince is so often at Melton Mowbray, hunting and playing racquets, and is so often seen driving, riding and walking in the town, that the local people regard him as almost one of the residents. He has adopted the Melton custom of the "fastest from Melton" but he does not, as they expect to see and recognise when he

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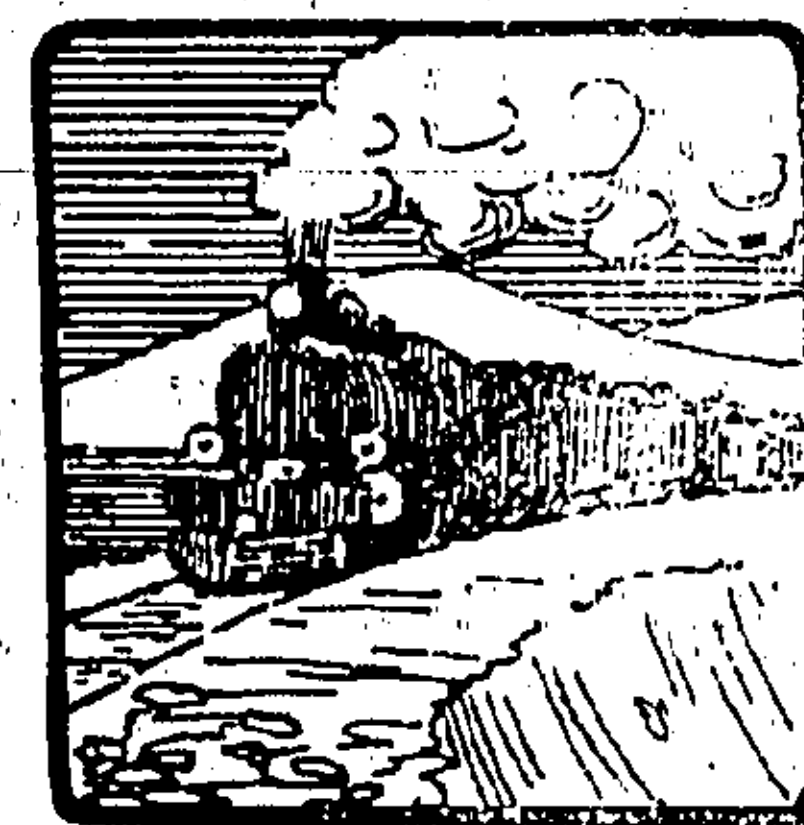
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LOCAL SPORT.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONGKONG TO VISIT SHANGHAI?

TENTATIVE INQUIRIES.

Continuous rain during the last few weeks has prevented cricket matches being played, but the few who make sacrifices for the management of the game in the Colony have not forgotten that Shanghai will be expecting Hongkong to send up a team before the hot season.

In the late spring of 1923 Hongkong sent up a team under Tony Pearce. Considered by some to be a foregone hope, the Hongkong team brought off a glorious victory. Shanghai came down at the beginning of the present Hongkong season when Malaya also sent up a team, and Hongkong won the triangular tournament. It will shortly be Hongkong's turn to repay the Shanghai visit.

When approached by a "China Mail" reporter this morning, Mr. H. E. Hollands, who looks after cricket activities of the Hongkong Cricket Club, said that tentative inquiries were being made as to whether a team could be made up to travel North. A meeting of the H.K.C.C. committee would be convened shortly to discuss matters after which, it is presumed, invitations will be sent out.

It is hoped that Hongkong will be able to get up a representative team which, if it cannot retain the "Ashes," will at least give the Shanghai players as good a fight as they gave us last year.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG TEAM'S VISIT TO SHANGHAI.

The "China Press" of April 4 states:

As it climaxes the football season, the Portuguese of Hongkong and Shanghai will battle for soccer honours on Saturday, April 11, as already announced in our columns. The Club Recreio, Kowloon, accepted an invitation from the Portuguese Sporting Association, Shanghai, to bring up a team representing Hongkong Portuguese to play the Shanghai Portuguese. The Hongkong team are due to arrive here about the 8th inst. by the P. & O. s.s. Tilawa.

The ladies of both communities are presenting their respective teams with a flag, and the B.B.R.C., a local Portuguese Club, has kindly presented a challenge shield for the tournament, which is to be an annual affair.

Another game of interest will be played on the 13th, between the combined Portuguese teams and a team representing Shanghai, which should produce some fine play.

Both games will be played at the Hongkew Park, through the kind permission of the Park authorities, and will commence at 3 p.m. sharp. A voluntary collection will be made at the ground, proceeds to be donated to local Portuguese charity institutions.

LIST OF PLAYERS.

The Interport teams have already been chosen, and are as follows:

Hongkong:—A. A. dos Remedios (Captain), L. A. da Rocha (Vice-Captain), W. C. Ogley, P. M. Xavier, H. C. dos Remedios, C. d'Assumpcao, D. Xavier, A. P. Fernandes, A. Goso, A. J. Brown, M. da Silva, S. A. Mareal and J. M. da Silva. The last two are travelling as reserves.

Shanghai:—E. Perpetuo, C. Passos, H. Favacho, A. Colloco, A. Costa, M. Sequeira, R. Favacho, A. Gomes, H. Colloco, L. Marcal (Captain), and J. Gutierrez.

Reserves:—A. Souza, C. Tavares, C. Favacho, A. Allanson, THE INTERPORT TEAMS.

The Hongkong Portuguese team are winners of the Junior League, and were defeated by the Surrey in the semi-finals of the Cup Competition by 2-1, after a hard fought game. They are a fast team, and should be able to hold their own against the equally speedy Shanghai eleven. L. Rocha and Brown are the pick of their forwards. P. Xavier, an old local St. Xavier's boy, together with his partner, Ogley, are considered the strongest pair in the Junior League defence.

Little needs to be said of the well-known Shanghai team. They have shown that they can play the game as it should be played, and have a reputation of their own. With one of the fastest forward lines in local soccer, they should prove troublesome to the strong defence of Hongkong. The Shanghai team are unfortunate to lose the services of their half, A. Sequeira, who was hurt in the International game against Scotland, and will not be able to

make the team. On the whole, the game should be very interesting, and a fit end to Shanghai Football, for the season.

SCHEDULE FOR VISITORS.
Below is a list of entertainments arranged for the visitors:

April 8:—Reception given by the Lusitano Club immediately on arrival of the Interporters.

April 11:—Interport Game at Hongkew Park, 3 p.m. Interport Dinner at the Carlton, 7.45 p.m.

April 12:—Dance given by the Portuguese Co. at the S.V.C. Club.

April 13:—Game at Hongkew Park between the Combined Portuguese team and team representing Shanghai.

April 14:—Dinner given by the members of the B.B.R.C., and presentation of Shield.

April 15:—(Possibly) A game between the Hongkong Portuguese and a local Chinese team.

FANLING GOLF.

In the Captain's Cup competition, played at Fanling on April 4 to 6, I.W. Shawan qualified with a score of 82-478. Other scores returned included H. G. Hegarty 92-10-82, and M. M. Maas 95-12-84. Sixteen cards were taken out. No cards were taken out for Optional Pool.

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT.

YANOVICH MAKES BIG BREAK.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES.

At the V.R.C. last night, P. Yanovich, former champion, and challenger defeated Lt. Col. F. S. Montague, 14-12, in the second round of the billiards championship by 800 points to 650.

Yanovich compiled a break of 75 which beats the highest to date in the tournament, 71. The Colonel's highest in this match was 39.

The second round has now been completed. Tonight the third round will commence but will not finish till next week on account of the Easter holidays. The third round is as follows:—

Tonight:—Wong Po-hong v. E. W. Spry.

Wednesday:—P. S. Leung v. S. C. Kwok (Leung is a former runner-up and Kwok a semi-finalist; this match should be one of the best in the earlier rounds of the tournament).

Thursday:—P. Yanovich v. J. Thomas.

April 14 (Tuesday):—Ng Sze-kwong v. Ng Sze-cheong.

In the top bracket neither Wong Po-hong nor Spry are expected to beat P. S. Leung who may however go down to S. C. Kwok as the latter is a temperamental player who has risen to the occasion and given of his best. Either Kwok or Leung should pass into the final.

Providing he wins his third round tie, Yanovich will meet one of the Brothers Ng. On his best form, he should also pass into the final and it seems as if he will be the challenger once more to A. J. Osmond, the holder, who will play in the challenge round.

YACHTING.

Yesterday four yachts started for the Bluenose Cup. Sealark fouled another boat at the start and retired. Joan was over the line and recaptured but she won the cup and was followed home by Ursula and Ailsa.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club Reserves in their League fixture with the Surrey Regiment Reserves tomorrow, on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m.—S. H. Garrod, D. Lyon (Capt.), E. Hanlon, P. Richmond, B. W. Rulton, G. Pimcheon, E. A. Roberts, B. Bell, S. O. Hill, A. Ferguson, and J. Dixon. Reserve, J. Douglas.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of unlawfully obtaining a car from the Dragon Motor Car Company, by falsely representing himself to be a police officer, and of being an impostor. The amount involved in respect of the first charge was \$54. The Magistrate dismissed the second charge and remanded the defendant on the other count.

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CUP FINALISTS WIN AT HOME.

BURNLEY ROUTED.

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LONDON, April 6

Playing in the first division of the English League to-day Sheffield United at home defeated Burnley by 4 goals to nil.

[Sheffield, who are to play Cardiff in the Cup Final, also won last Saturday when they beat the Spurs by 2 goals.]

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.

The position in the English Football League up to and including April 6 is as follows:—

DIVISION I.

Team P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

West Bromwich A. 36 21 8 7 54 31 49

Huddersfield T. 35 18 5 12 56 24 48

Newcastle U. 38 15 7 16 59 35 46

Bury 37 18 8 10 63 31 46

Bolton W. 35 17 8 10 62 31 44

Sunderland 37 19 13 5 59 45 43

Liverpool 35 17 10 8 57 49 42

Tottenham H 37 13 12 12 48 40 38

Birmingham 37 13 11 13 40 50 37

West Ham 36 13 12 11 50 49 37

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Sheffield U. 37 12 13 12 48 51 36

Cardiff City 36 11 14 11 46 45 33

Blackburn 35 10 14 11 47 51 31

Aston Villa 34 9 13 12 46 60 30

Everton 36 10 17 9 35 54 29

Burnley 36 10 17 9 42 65 29

Arsenal 36 12 19 5 29 51 29

Leeds U. 36 8 16 12 40 52 28

Nottingham F 36 7 20 9 28 57 23

Preston N.E. 36 9 24 3 33 68 21

LUGARD HALL.

YESTERDAY'S PLEASING FUNCTION.

Lugard Hall (Hongkong University) was the scene yesterday afternoon and evening of one of those attractive functions coming under the general head of a tea dance but extending the scope of such both as regards hours and the provision of other means of enjoyment.

At these terms functions, which an energetic committee at Lugard Hall arrange, dancing couples have a floor which provides a beautiful surface. Swinging lanterns and electric lights twinkling from among coloured streamers ahead displace the usually sedate atmosphere of the drawing and reading rooms in favour of one of distinct romance. Even more pronounced was this when the electricity wires refused to carry the extra burden and the dancers circled in the light of the Chinese lanterns alone.

About seventy participated in the festivities, these consisting of students of the Hall and their lady friends, also students from other Halls of the University. A very pleasant function came to an end about eight o'clock.

The guests owe the excellent arrangements made for their enjoyment to Messrs. Julian M. S. Gywe, the editor of the "H.K.U.U. Magazine," Ye Ceh-teh (Mi), the Chairman of the Committee, H. Lau, the Hon. Secretary, and Chan Wah, Chan Pook, W. Sling and T. F. Lo, Committee members.

SCANDALS.

LAST NIGHT'S THEATRE SHOW.

A change of programme attracted a vast audience to the Theatre Royal last night, where the fun was fast and furious. There is, in a good Revue, something to please everybody, and "Scandals" is full of these "something's." Gus McNaughton was again to the fore, but the skilful blending of the items gives each artist equal opportunities. The various sketches were hugely enjoyed as were the dances of the "Peaches" and Mae Baird and Archie Thompson. Lee White and Clay Smith, distinct in their own line, were exceptionally fine. To-night there will be another change of programme. Early booking seems very desirable.

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ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

TIFFIN FOR THIS YEAR.

CONCERT MOOTED.

Arrangements for the fitting celebration of St. George's Day were discussed at the annual meeting of St. George's Society held yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall. A tiffin was eventually decided upon for this year, the incoming committee to consider the question of a concert for the next year. The wiping off of all past deficits in connection with Ball accounts was referred to.

Mr. H. W. Bird presided over the meeting supported by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. W. L. Shenton, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. D. B. Peat (Hon. Treasurer).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts for 1924 having been in your hands for several days, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

As regards the general account I do not think there is anything calling for special explanation.

Our charitable gifts amounted to \$1,114.22 as compared with \$1,034.89 in 1923. The balance carried forward is \$6,398.17 as against \$6,660.75, a difference of \$262.58.

The sum of \$100.00 included in the sum already mentioned under donations, was given to the Garrison Schools for the purchase of pictures, books, etc., of a patriotic nature.

St. George's Day was observed as usual by an interchange of greetings between fraternal Societies and a luncheon held at the Hongkong Hotel. As mentioned by your President at the last annual meeting there was a feeling that a more marked observance of the day should be made and the luncheon was the outcome. The time available last year was very short in which to make arrangements and as we have more time this year possibly more may be done. I shall be glad to hear presently what members think so that the incoming Committee may be guided by your wishes.

During the year 66 new members joined the Society, but it is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of several of our members since the last general meeting. Their names are:—Mr. A. R. Lowe, Comdr. C. W. Beck, with Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Capt. F. J. Wheeler, Mr. C. Dickens and Mr. R. Earnshaw and we extend our deepest sympathy to their relatives.

The annual Ball held on the 6th January was a great success, and you will notice that a small profit of \$174.91 resulted. The sum has been used to wipe off part of the deficit from the two previous years. We have thought it only fit to make an innovation in the statement before you, and you will find the cost of the 1925 ball stated separately, the items being given under main headings.

In previous years this has not been done and I fear it has in consequence been somewhat misleading. I have much pleasure in telling you that all deficits have been wiped off, and we now stand with a clean slate as regards past ball accounts.

It was a source of regret to all of us that owing to ill health our Vice-President, had to leave for Home just before the Ball—we hope to see him back amongst us renewed in health before our next annual gathering.

Mr. H. E. Hollands acted again as Hon. Secretary for the Ball, and we are greatly indebted to him for the hard work he put in.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. R. A. Nicholson, for the splendid display of roses on the supper table, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking again the Chairmen and members of the various Sub-Committees who worked so hard on our behalf to make the Ball a success.

The annual golf match between the St. Andrew's Society and ourselves again resulted in a win for us.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. L. S. Greenhill, our Hon. Secretary, and Mr. D. B. Peat our Hon. Treasurer. Both these gentlemen have done yeoman's service to the Society, and I am glad to say both of them are willing to serve us again and I have no doubt that you will re-elect them.

We have received a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Parent Society in London, asking us to help the St. Paul's Restoration Fund by sending a subscription—this is a matter that the incoming Committee will doubtless deal with.

That is all I have to say, gentlemen, except that I thank you most cordially for the honour you did me during my absence last year in

FAREWELL.

PRESENTATION TO BAND MASTER BRADSHAW.

Mr. W. F. Bradshaw, bandmaster of the 1st East Surrey Regiment has been the recipient of a chaste silver afternoon tea service from the members of the band.

The presentation was made by Band Sergt. T. Earl immediately at the close of rehearsal on Saturday last. The Band Sergeant said that the members of the band felt they could not allow Mr. Bradshaw to leave the Colony and the band without placing on record their appreciation of the help he had always been to them.

In reply, Mr. Bradshaw—to whom the gift came as a surprise, thanked the men for their kind thought and most generous gift. He thanked them also for their general perseverance, steadfastness, loyalty and sympathy, the results of which were seen in the many concerts given in the Colony, which had earned for the band the very high name it had amongst music-lovers generally. He sincerely wished them the best of luck, and a congenial successor in the bandmastership.

Mr. Bradshaw is to receive a presentation from the Sergeants' Mess.

electing me President of the Society.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, the motion being seconded by Mr. W. C. Shiner and unanimously carried.

The New President.

Proposing the election of Dr. Montague Harston as President for the ensuing year, the Chairman mentioned that Dr. Harston had always taken a great interest in the Society and during his (the Chairman's) absence last year acted on his behalf.

Mr. R. Hancock, seconding, said Dr. Harston was a very old member of St. George's Society and a very enthusiastic member. The resolution was unanimously carried.

For the position of Vice-President, the name of Mr. W. A. Dowley was submitted by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Shenton and unanimously carried. Replying Mr. Dowley expressed appreciation of the honour done him and promised to do all he could to further the interests of the Society.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill and Mr. D. B. Peat were re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively, and thanked for their past services.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee: Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. S. Baker, Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. H. E. Hollands, Mr. E. R. C. Hornell, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr. J. H. Ramsay and Mr. W. C. Shiner.

St. George's Day.

The meeting next proceeded to consider the question of celebrating St. George's Day. The Chairman mentioned that it had been suggested that the Society should lay a wreath on the Cenotaph, and if it was decided to do so, he hoped as many members of the Society as possible would be present. It was also proposed to hold a tiffin on St. George's Day, and another suggestion was the arranging of a concert in the evening. That would be a matter for the incoming Committee to deal with.

On the proposal of Mr. Alabaster, seconded by Mr. Eldridge it was decided to hold a tiffin and no concert this year, the suggestion being made that in future years the Committee should make the necessary arrangements before-hand, it being felt that there was not sufficient time this year to do so.

On the proposition of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, it was decided to allow vote \$100 to the Garrison School to be given as sports prizes.

Cathedral Service.

A letter was read from the Rev. T. B. Powell saying that there was to be a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Cathedral on St. George's Day and evensong at 5.45. If the Society desired he would be willing to extend the scope of the evening service.

Mr. H. Birkett: I suggest that the Committee might attend.

The Chairman: Will you join the Committee, Mr. Birkett?—I think we should thank the Rev. Powell for his letter and say the Society is not desirous that the scope of the evening service be extended.

At the instance of Mr. Eldridge it was decided that a notice should be inserted in the Press inviting members of the Society to attend on the occasion of the laying of the wreath on the Cenotaph on St. George's Day.

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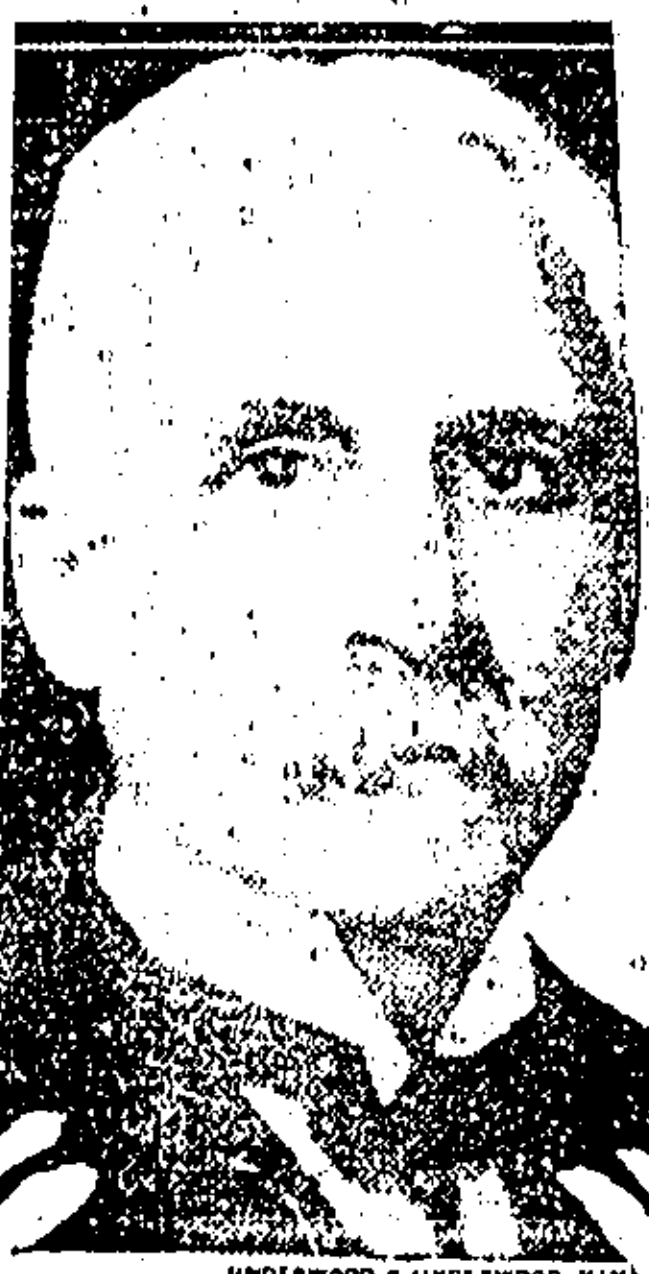
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Tossing a £10,000 contract into the wastebasket, Leonora Hughes, famous dancer, has been married to Carlos Ortiz Basualdo, Argentinian millionaire. In the midst of the ceremony, Maurice, her dancing partner for years, staggered on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the ceremony was performed, and collapsed, weeping bitterly.

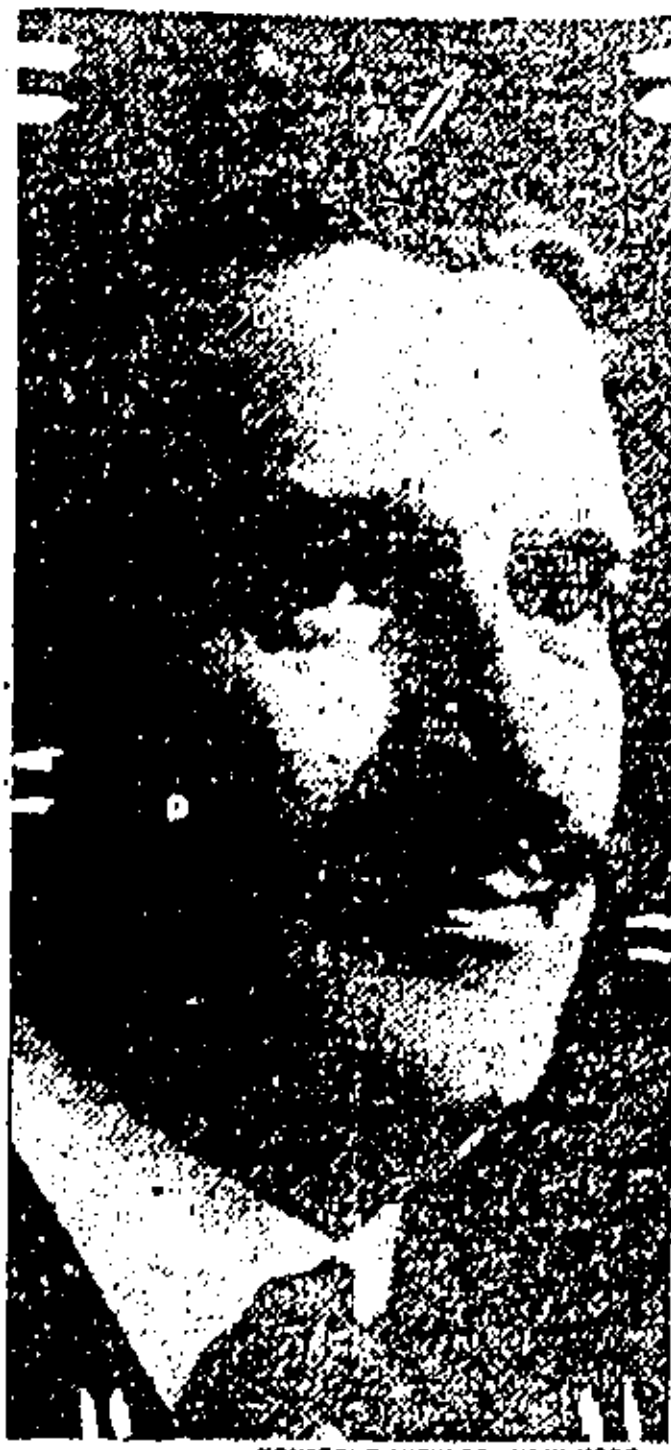


Dr. Joseph Hamek, now councillor of Austria. He is only 42 years old, a lawyer and former Secretary of the Interior.



REBECCA ADELMAN & BERNICE SCHMITT

Miss Rebecca Adelman and Miss Bernice Schmitt will sail as officers on the s.s. President Arthur when she weighs anchor for Palestine. Despite the fears of old tars, the steamship authorities declared they were certain the girls would "soon find their sea legs."



A. Michalakopoulos, former Minister

of National Economy in Greece, who

will organize a new Cabinet to succeed that headed by M. Sophoulis,

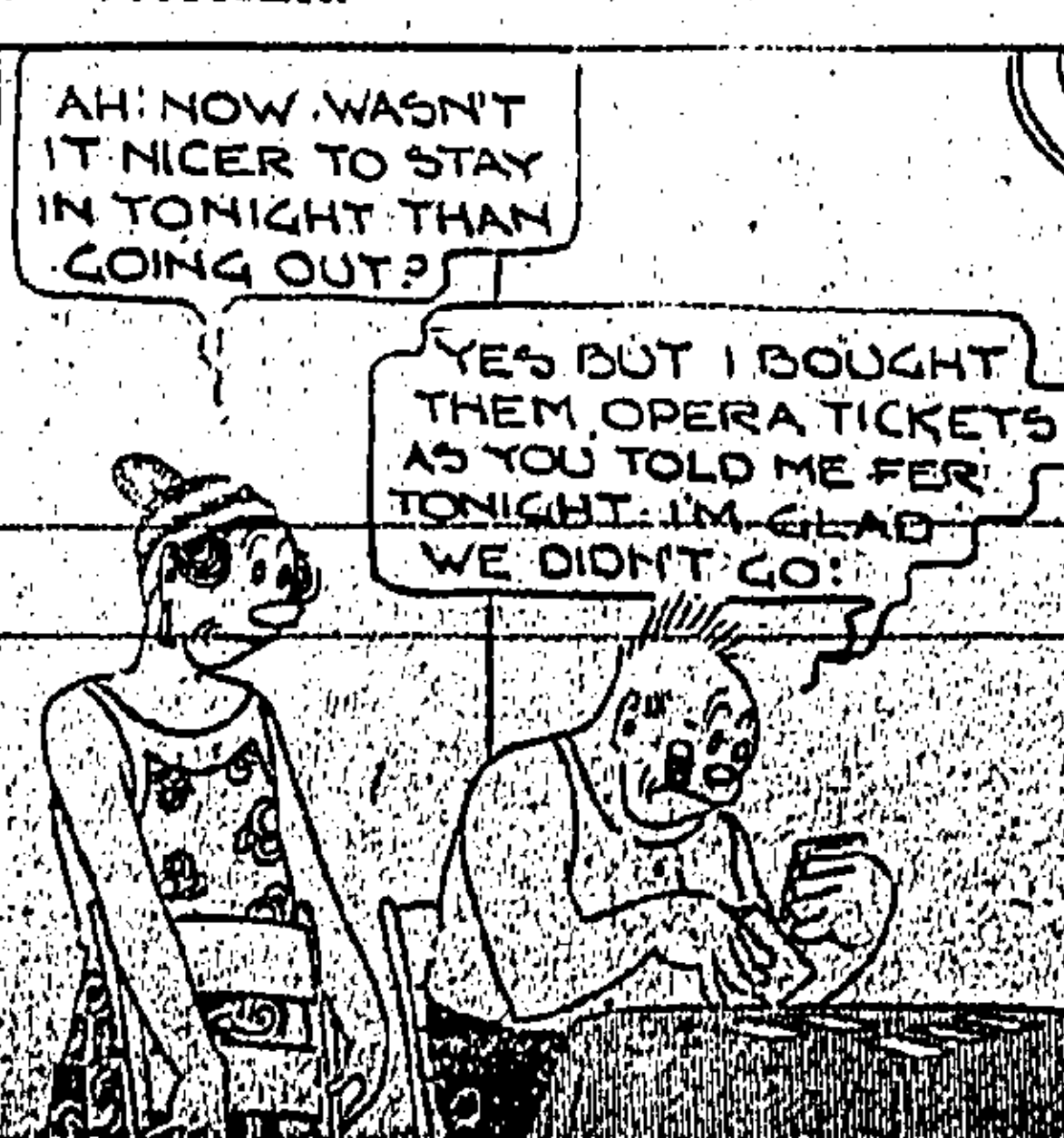
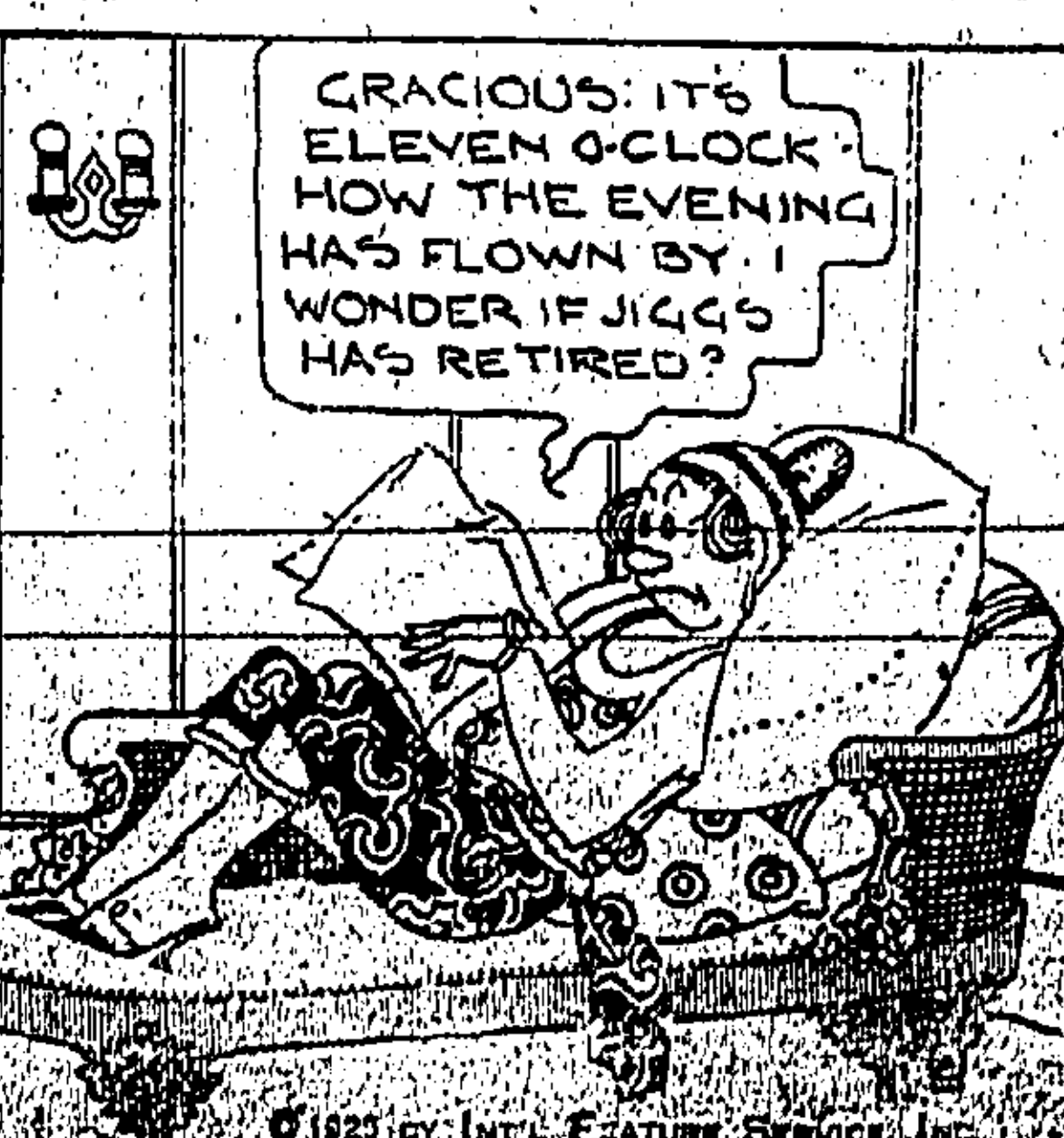
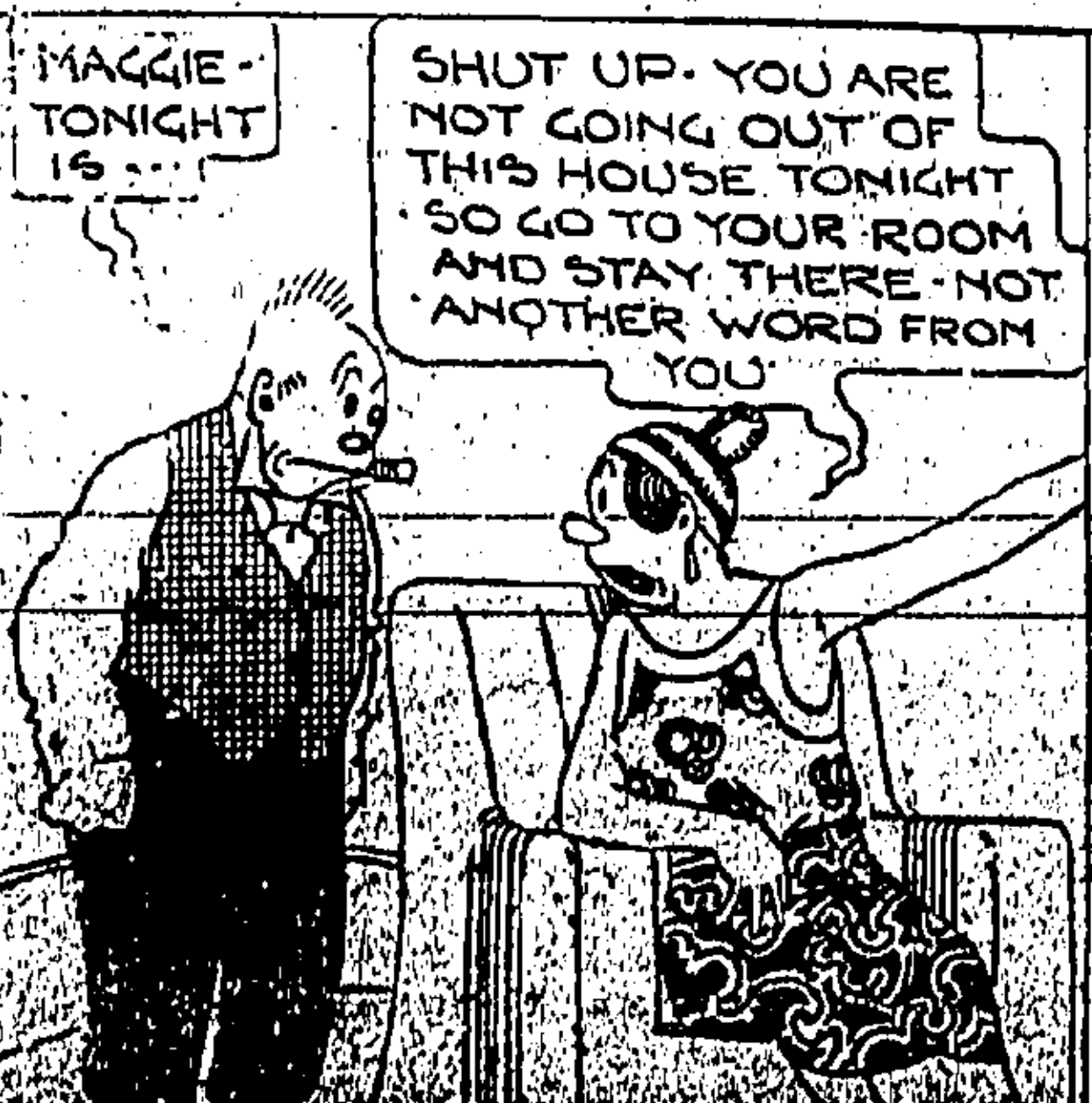
which has resigned.



Ganna Walska, wife of Harold McCormick, the "harvester king," has been refused permission by the Mayor of Nice, France, to reappear there in opera, on the grounds that she is "not an artist."

Lieutenant Osborne Wood, son of Governor-General Leonard Wood, of the Philippines, is in retirement in France and is reported to have spent most of the fortune he was credited with making in Wall Street. Denying reports that he was engaged to Priscilla Dean, film actress, Lieutenant Leslie Arnold, world flier, revealed that he had been secretly married to Miss Mildred Avery, a nurse, in August, 1917, adding that they separated on their wedding day and had seen each other only once since. Job Hedges, famous humorist, dropped dead in the street.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**BOXING.****SHANGHAI AND THE
SQUADRON.**

The story of boxing in Shanghai during the last 15 years or so has not been much to boast about, says the "N. C. Daily News." We have had many men who combined a thorough knowledge of the sport with a keen desire to encourage it in the Settlement and to maintain it at the highest standard, notably Llewellyn Jones of a few years ago, and more recently G. H. Parkes and Billy Tingle. Yet little has come of it. For a time, boxing as a public exhibition practically was prohibited and it was not until the last two years that the Settlement had the chance of seeing regular exhibitions, whilst now that effort also seems to have faded away.

It cannot be denied that the Philippines who filled almost the entire programme at these later exhibitions were very clever boxers and thoroughly good sportsmen, but Shanghai seldom takes kindly to out-and-out professionalism and it was not to be expected that the business would have gone on for ever. Where the Settlement made a mistake apparently was in not attempting to arrange tournaments for the benefit of the men on H.M. cruisers in port. Singapore has done what Shanghai omitted and, as judged by accounts in the "Straits Times," the spectators must thoroughly have enjoyed the occasion. Also, the men of the Hawkins, the Carlisle, the Durban, and other ships can be no mean artists with the gloves, for they won against the Garrison and then trounced the visiting Australian Fleet, and Australians know something about boxing.

Perhaps it would be possible when the ships return to the Huangpu to arrange some more tournaments amongst the men, and if we have not any boxers capable of meeting them, or if there is any reason why it would be preferred to confine the bouts to sailors, then let it be so. It will be the best of sport all the same. Meanwhile, nothing more has been heard of the assault-at-arms promised by the S. V. C. gymnasium classes. It is understood that there has been much more life in the gymnasium this year, with Billy Tingle coaching the boxers and Col. Vouich, a swordsman of wide experience, giving instruction with foil and sabre. An exhibition on a competitive basis between units would do much to popularize the Corps.

FAMOUS TROTTER HORSE.

At the age of 27 years, Lou Dillon, the first horse to trot a mile in less than two minutes and champion trotter of the world from 1903 to 1912 died of colic recently at Santa Barbara, California, in the stables of the millionaire sportsman and horse lover, Mr. C. K. G. Billings, where she had been living a life of ease as a retired celebrity. It was in 1903 that Lou Dillon established a world's record of 2 min. flat, for the mile. She was then five years old. On October 24 of the same year, she gained immortal fame by trotting a mile in 1.58 1/2 at Memphis, Tenn. That mark stood until 1912 when Uhlman, a stablemate, stepped a mile in 1.58, at Lexington, Kentucky. Lou Dillon was foaled at Santa Rosa, California, in 1898 and was by Sidney Dillon—Lou Milton. She became the property of Mrs. Billings in 1903.

RACING IN WESTERN INDIA.**RETURN OF BOOKMAKERS
DEMANDED.**

The Western India Turf Club has represented to Government the desirability of bringing back bookmakers to the Bombay and Poona meetings.

Bookmakers were refused licences some time ago, betting being thereby limited to the totalisator. There has been much protest, and it is understood that Government is favourably considering a reversion to the old system next season.

**WILL M.C.C. VISIT
COLOMBO?**

With regard to the tour of an M.C.C. team in India and Ceylon, it is understood that details are being arranged in Calcutta, and there is authority for believing that Ceylon will be included if the local authorities are agreeable. The matter is yet in a proposal form but a definite suggestion will be made to Ceylon shortly, providing the Indian negotiations prove successful.

WATERLOO CUP.**HOW PENTONVILLE WON.**

The Waterloo Cup meeting was concluded on February 20, when it was found necessary to delay the sport for about half-an-hour on account of frost. The weather was again delightful, and the coursing excellent. The winner of the Cup proved to be Pentonville, the property of Mr. Hector Pilkington. No more popular victory has been seen at the Waterloo Cup meeting since Lord Sefton won with Snort coming, for not only is Mr. Pilkington a very old courser and a staunch supporter of the sport, but all present were not slow to realize that in Pentonville he owns a very gallant greyhound. Only the oldest followers of coursing can remember a more brilliant day. The runner-up was Lord Lonsdale's Lawman, who also must be given credit for a very game display. The Purse was won by Lord Tweedmouth's Tyranny who won the same trophy with Guards' Brigade the year before the dog took the Waterloo Cup. Although Tyranny is not the equal of Guards' Brigade, her sire, she is an extraordinarily clever bitch. Henrietta Horn, who was successful in the Plate, is very small, but she has pace, and is probably the best runner of the 64 competitors.

The meeting was proclaimed, on the whole, to have been one of the greatest successes in the history of this most important event. Mr. Arthur Brice judged admirably.

To Robert Wright, the son of the famous late Joe Wright, who trained Faultless Beauty for Mr. Leonard Pilkington, the uncle of Mr. Hector Pilkington great credit is due for the magnificent way in which he turned out the winner. No dog could possibly have undergone the gruelling courses which Pentonville did, unless he had been in the most perfect condition.

In the semi-final round of the Waterloo Cup, Pentonville led Sauceboat two lengths, and never allowed his opponent a point behind a racing hare to the home Lawman led Honeyboy four lengths, and made two more, the hare racing into the south. In the final Pentonville was three lengths in front on reaching the hare, and took the second. He immediately swept round Lawman, and made three or four strong points; the hare then broke to Lawman, who, however, spilt any chance he had by killing almost immediately. A great cheer accompanied the hoisting of the red flag.

The Waterloo Cup for 64 subscribers at £25 each. Winner to receive 500 sovs. and cup (value 100 sovs.), presented by Lord Sefton; second to receive 200 sovs.; two dogs 50 sovs. each; four dogs 30 sovs. each; eight dogs 20 sovs. each; and 16 dogs 10 sovs. each.

FOURTH TIES.

Pentonville beat Sauceboat. Betting—3 to 1 on Pentonville. Lawman beat Honeyboy. Betting—5 to 4 against Lawman.

DECIDING COURSE.

Mr. H. C. Pilkington's f d p Pentonville, by Staff Officer Persephone, beat Mr. J. Bell Living (ns) r d Lawman by Transvaal Dictator—Janet.

Betting—5 to 1 on Pentonville.

FUTURE OF ATHLETICS.

There is every reason to believe that the forthcoming athletic season will be one of the best we have ever seen. Discussing the outlook Capt. F. A. M. Webster, the well-known authority, writes: "Whatever else the Olympic games have or have not done they have at least taught the governing body of English amateur athletics that you cannot produce world beaters by merely offering handsome pieces of furniture as prizes for handicap races. Handicap running and scratch racing such as appertains in international competitions are totally opposed to each other. In the one, the athlete plans his running to suit the book; in other words he holds himself in until he has got a sufficiently big start to enable him to win one of those handsome pieces of furniture of considerable intrinsic value, and the sport suffers thereby. Of recent years, therefore, handicap racing has become unpopular with the real athletic cracks; also the governing body has realised that the country is full of undiscovered talent and that it does not pay to rely solely upon the first class clubs in the big cities to produce our representatives for international contests."

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**BOXERS AND THE WEIGHT
QUESTION.****FERGUSON ON THE WAR
PATH.**

"Flash" Ferguson will in all probability be chosen for the headliner in next boxing programme to be staged by the 15th Infantry Athletic Association, says the "Peking and Tientsin Times." Ferguson is regarded by many as the best man of his weight who has ever appeared in a local ring. He is a legitimate featherweight, weighing in at 123 lbs. for his last fight. To get matches he has had to give away a great deal of weight and it will be no easy task to find a suitable opponent who can make the featherweight limit of 125 pounds. Flash issues his challenge to any one in the Orient who can make the required weight.

There has been some talk of matching him with Jova who knocked out "Spider" King. Jova is a good man with a punch but doesn't seem to want any of Ferguson's game as, no answer has been received from the challenge hurled at him from the ring at the finish of the Ferguson-King match. Notwithstanding Jova's advantage in weight he is hardly speedy enough nor knows enough of the scientific points of the game to more than hold his own with "Flash."

Notwithstanding the number of catch-weight matches the promoters have insisted that the true weights of the contestants be announced in the future. This practice was carried through in entirety at the last boxing show. It is the privilege of any boxer to meet a man who outweighs him if he wants to do so, but it has been the custom in many incidents for the heavier man to claim that he can make the weight of the lower class.

For instance in the case of the Yako-Penton fight a great many fans were indignant when it was loudly and vociferously stated that remarks of Peyton's supporters to the effect that Peyton was outweighed were unparliamentary in that they were tend to lessen the honour of Yako's victory.

No doubt the Russian Bear would have cut quite a figure in lightweight circles if he could continue to meet fighters in that they would tend to lessen class. Being legitimately a middleweight his superior weight and strength would have been too great an advantage for almost any lightweight to overcome. However, the Russian is a good fighter considering the fact that he has had little or no coaching and would be a drawing card on any programme. He might be matched with Joe Moser or Young Randal at some future date as they are at present the only men in Tientsin of his weight, besides De Normand, who is admittedly too good for the Russian.

ENGLISH CUP.

Of the many big sporting events decided during the winter season none makes a stronger appeal than that of the competition for the Football Association Cup, says a London correspondent. The eight ties in the third round attracted approximately 400,000 spectators, the match between those famous Midlands rivals West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa drawing a gate of 65,000 which yielded gate receipts of nearly £4,000. As it happened this tie was drawn so that, as in three other cases, the match had to be re-played. In spite of the strong opposition the Midlands appear to stand, a particularly good chance of carrying off the chief honours of the season. West Bromwich Albion have not only attained great prominence in the Cup competition but they are also at the head of the First League, and as they defeated Aston Villa in their replay they got into the last eight of the competition. London football clubs have not gained very much prominence this season and it seems evident that over a long test they do not quite compare with some of their Northern and Midland opponents. Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham United and The Arsenal have done only moderately well in the League Competition, while although Chelsea have made a spirited bid to regain their position as a First Division side they have found the opposition just a little too strong for them and it looks as though they will have to spend another season as a Second Division team. The struggle for promotion, always one of the most interesting contests of the season, is yielding a hard battle between several clubs and the signs are that Derby County at least will find their way into a higher division.

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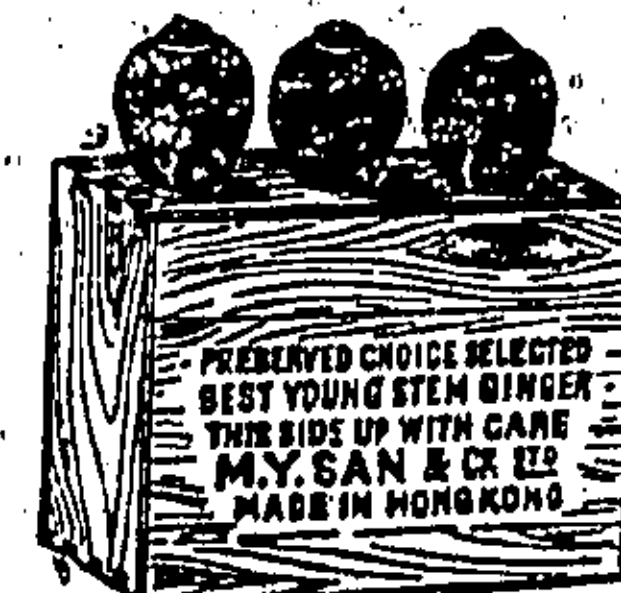
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There were busy scenes on board shortly before departure. "Sixteen-hour tailors," coolies carrying camphor wood boxes, devices for hanging bird cages, and a host of other things were running about in search of their objective. In a cosy cabin elsewhere Mr. Ross H. Skinner (Cruise Director) was entertaining his friends, in common with the others, Mr. Skinner had also secured some of the Colony's goods. He prided himself most on the acquisition of a pair of blackwood panels with Chinese characters and a mantel-piece. A canary warbling sweetly was doubtless also a Hongkong product. Mr. Skinner's parting message was "We have enjoyed ourselves immensely, but don't forget to tell them that we have never seen so much rain before."

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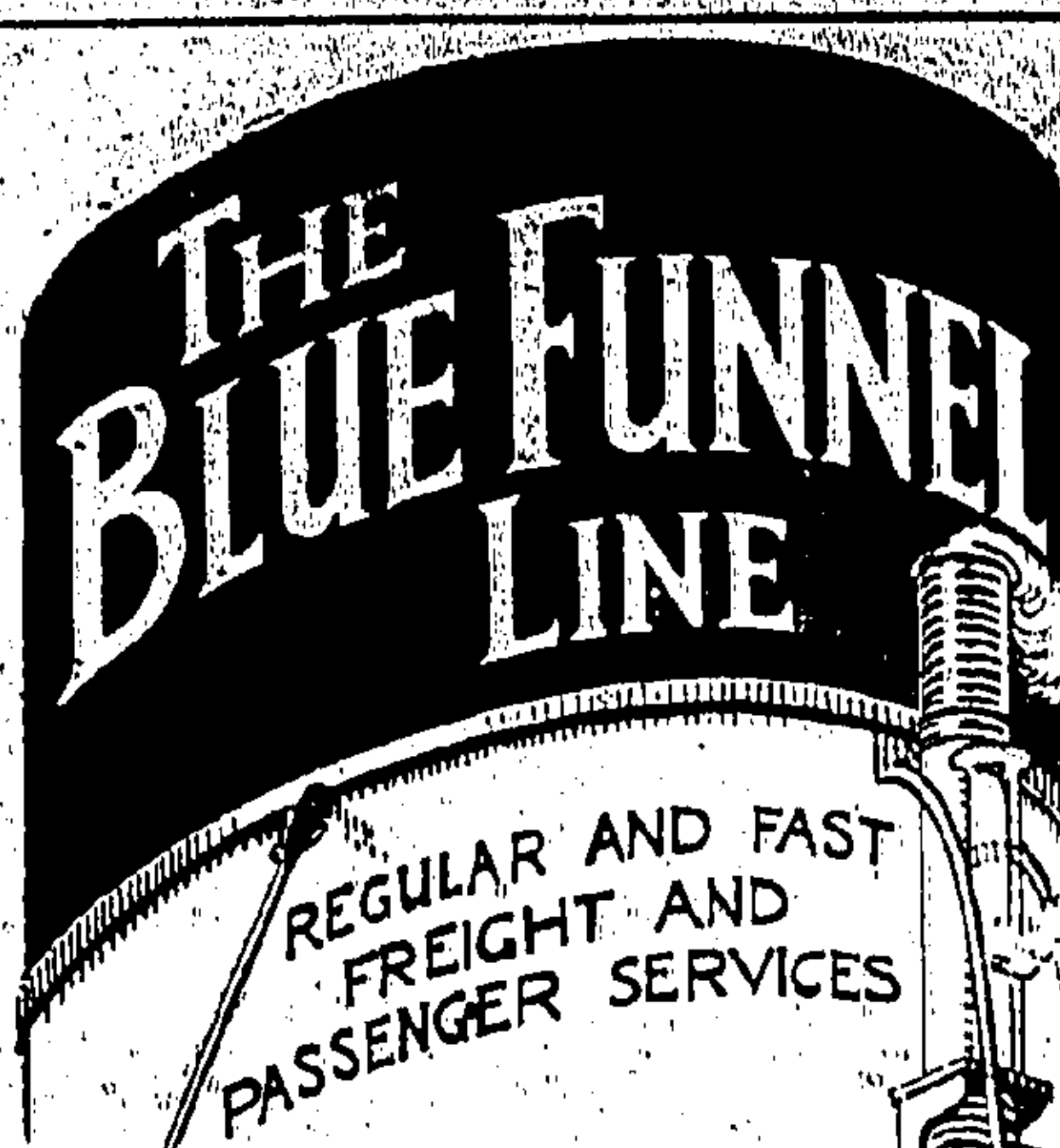
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AVIATION TRAGEDY.

CORONER'S INQUIRY TO BE RESUMED.

The Coroner's inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. Reginald Barnshaw after his drop from an aeroplane in a parachute on China New Year day at Kowloon City will, it is understood, be re-opened shortly when a new jury will be empanelled. The proceedings after the first day of the enquiry were postponed for the attendance of Mr. H. W. Abbott, who was then in Manila. In the meantime one of the jurors had left the Colony. Mr. Abbott has not returned yet, but if necessary the enquiry will be resumed without his presence.

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